

Turning Your House Into A Home

"First Aid For The Family", Part 3 of 6
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*"By **wisdom** a house is built, and through **understanding** it is established; through **knowledge** its rooms are filled with rare and beautiful treasures."* (Proverbs 24:3-4, NIV)

I) DISTINGUISHING A HOUSE FROM A HOME

1) A house is WHERE you live; a home is HOW you live.

2) A house is an ADDRESS; a home is an ATMOSPHERE.

3) A house requires LOOT; a home requires LOVE.

II) TURNING YOUR HOUSE INTO A HOME

Creating An Atmosphere Of L.O.V.E. In Your Home

L__ISTEN__: Keep all the lines of communication open.

"Take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry." (James 1:19, NIV)

"Wisdom brings strength, and knowledge gives power. Battles are won by listening to advice and making lots of plans." (Proverbs 24:5-6, CEV)

O__VERLOOK__: Foster an atmosphere of forgiveness.

"Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Offer hospitality to each other without grumbling." (1 Peter 4:8-9, NIV)

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing." (1 Peter 3:8-9, NIV)

V__ALUE__: Treat each family member as a treasure.

"Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and do not be harsh with them. Children, obey your parents in everything, for this pleases the Lord. Fathers, do not embitter your children, or they will become discouraged." (Colossians 3:18-21, NIV)

E__NGAGE__: Establish God as the Lord of your house.

"Unless the LORD builds the house, its builders labor in vain. Unless the LORD watches over the city, the watchmen stand guard in vain. In vain you rise early and stay up late, toiling for food to eat— for he grants sleep to those he loves." (Psalm 127:1-2, NIV)

"These are the commands, decrees and laws the LORD your God directed me to teach you to observe in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to possess, so that you, your children and their children after them may fear the LORD your God as long as you live by keeping all his decrees and commands that I give you, and so that you may enjoy long life." (Deuteronomy 6:1-2, NIV)